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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Zhenjiang Cui

SERIAL NO.: 10/629,071

FILED: July 28, 2003

FOR: METHOD OF PREPARING A SAMPLE  
OF A SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE  
FOR ADHESION TESTING

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2812

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§ EXAMINER: A. C. Stevenson

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Date: February 18, 2004

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121  
AND AMENDMENT "A"  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:


Applicant is responding to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply of one month. Applicant is submitting a one month Request for Extension of Time to respond, to extend the time period for response through February 19, 2004.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. ER 534274206 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment (With Fee), Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: February 18, 2004

  
Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

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### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

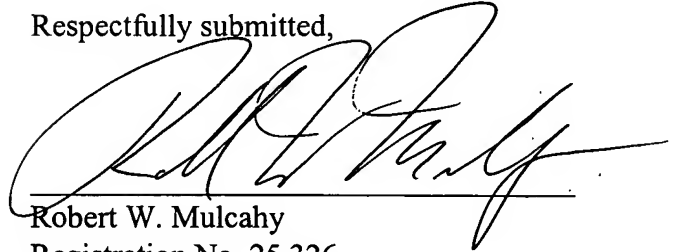
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		PREVIOUSLY <u>PAID</u>	PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	38	minus	38	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if first presented)			PREVIOUSLY PAID			\$ 290.00	\$ 00.00
ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME *							\$ 00.00 \$ 110.00
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 110.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$ 1,300.00, in payment of the fee of \$ 770.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) for filing of a Request for Continued Examination and the fee of \$ 530.00 for the remaining extension of time, as well as any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Mulcahy', written over a horizontal line.

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